6334 W. 80th St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90045
July 3, 1971

REPLY TO: 2720
SUBJECT: Notice Posting - Mineral King
TO: Mr. M. R. James, Forest Supervisor
Sequoia National Forest
P.O. Box 391
Porterville, Calif. 93257

Dear Mr. James:

I have several questions regarding your letter of July 1 denying me permission to post material on the public bulletin board at Mineral King. Your postition is very difficult to understand, as the same, identical material which you now consider "not in the general public good" was acceptible two years ago. It also seems odd that you state that many people consider the material posted last year as "not in the general public good." My name and address appeared on all the material I posted, according to your requarements, and I received no complaints. As a matter of fact, the public which uses Mineral King seemed very appreciative of my efforts.

Others have also been denied the use of the public bulletin board at Mineral King on the grounds that the Disney Corporation had no material posted, and both sides needed to be represented. You did not clarify in your letter whether I may post material if Disney material is also posted. I would also like to know exactly what you found "not in the general public good" in the material I posted, and an explanation of the criteria used in judging whether or not notices are "in the general public good". Perhaps I can revise my material so that it meets the Forest Service standards.

I feel that material posted on public bulletin boards should not be censored. Your decision seems very much like censureship and the denial of the right of freedom of speech.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Richard Koch

cc. The Honorable Jerome Waldie
The Honorable Alan Cranston
The Honorable John Tunny
The Honorable Alphonzo Bell
Mr. Michael McCloskey

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